

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

July 14, 2015

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

Present were: Marilyn Brown, President
Paula Brooks, Commissioner
John O'Grady, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Nicholas Soulas, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Debra Smith, Acting Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

President Brown: Ok, I know that we've got a couple sets of guests. Do we have the County Fair people here? The Ad Council? If we can have Kevin Wiley and Mallory Baker who are both here, if you want to come on up to the microphone which should be on now and tell everybody about the upcoming fair and all the activities we will have coming up and the dates and everything else, that would be awesome.

Mr. Wiley: I appreciate the opportunity to come speak with the Commissioners. I'm Kevin Wiley, I'm with the Franklin County Fair Board. This is my second year with the Fair Board and greatly looking forward to another Franklin County Fair. The Fair starts this Saturday, ribbon cutting ceremony is at noon. The Fair this year is full of entertainment, activities, things for the family to do. Our entertainment committee has done an exceptionally good job this year to get lots of activities on the fairgrounds, so there should be something there for everyone and hopefully we can get everyone to come out and enjoy part of the Franklin County Fair. Some of the special events we have this year are several dedicated days at the Fair where we have special events going on relative to those days. We have a Farm Day, Family Day, Safety Services Day, we have a Military Appreciation Day, which is Thursday of next week, we also have a Senior Day, which is on Tuesday of next week. We look forward to having all the people come out and take a look at the fairgrounds. Also some of the special acts we have for this year, are "The Bundies" a country music band out of Nashville, and we're looking forward to having them perform for us. We also have Blaze Johnson who was on "The Voice." He will be at the fairgrounds on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm to provide some entertainment for us and we're looking forward to that. Then also, Nationwide Childrens Hospital was kind enough to sponsor our kids' activity tent and there's many activities there on a daily basis for all the kids to enjoy. We're looking forward to partnering with them and having that be a great success this year. Then also at the Fair are two mainstay events which seem to be the most popular. They are the National Truck Puller's Association, which is on Friday night at the Fair, and of course our ever

famous Demolition Derby is on Saturday night, which seems to pack the house. So that's some of the main events we've got and we're looking forward, hopefully mother nature's going to cooperate and give us a little bit better weather forecast than what we've had to suffer through here in the last month or so.

President Brown: What is the admission fee for the County Fair?

Mr. Wiley: Admission is \$6.00 and then there are some special Sunday discount ride wristbands which are \$10.00, the rest of the week it's \$15 per ride band and \$6.00 to get in. There's a discounted ticket available for \$4.00 if you purchase ahead of the Fair.

President Brown: I thought when you said the two really great events, I thought that you were going to say the Chili Contest and the Commissioners Pie Judging Contest, which we know is the big draw. And that is next Thursday, and the Chili Contest is when? Wednesday evening?

Commissioner Brooks: What's the pie flavor this year?

Mr. Wiley: That I don't know.

President Brown: I do, it's peach.

Mr. Wiley: I'll make sure I attend that. We also have the "Friends of the Fair" luncheon on Thursday. So we have a busy day on Thursday.

Commissioner Brooks: That's great. Also the Creative Baking Contest for 4-H?

Mr. Wiley: Yes, where people come in and bid on the baked goods. So we have lots and lots of activities there, hopefully everyone can find something there at the Fair that will interest you. Look forward to having everyone, hope everyone can make it out.

Commissioner Brooks: Great. Is Mallory going to talk about 4-H? As a former 4-H'er here, I want to hear about 4-H.

Mr. Wiley: I want to introduce Mallory. Mallory is going to be a sophomore at Hilliard High School this year. She is a member of the Hilliard 4-H'ers Group and Mallory is an equestrian rider and she is a very accomplished equestrian rider in our area. She has competed at the national championships for the IEA which is the Interscholastic Equestrian Association and finished in 6th place. We are very proud of Mallory.

Commissioner Brooks: Great. Congratulations. (applause)

Mr. Wiley: She's competing in the horse competition, and I will let her talk to you about it.

President Brown: Welcome.

Ms. Baker: Thank you. I've never done anything like this, so it's pretty cool. This is my seventh year being a part of the Franklin County Fair. I've always competed with horses, it's been my forte. The program that I am doing this year is the Horse Royalty Program, it's my first year doing it and I'm one of the youngest people there, so it's a little nerve racking. Basically, what we've had to do with that is it's not only based on our riding skills, we had to take a test, be in the interview and community service work, basically working at different horse competitions and handing out ribbons or accompanying the judge as they judge all the classes. The crowning for that is on Wednesday at 5:30 pm, if you will be out there. It's about a forty-five (45) minute ceremony, so it's not too long. Is there anything that you guys want to know, I don't know what else to talk about.

Commissioner Brooks: That's great. That's fantastic. So, you're going to be going through this ceremony and the competition and we are going to be rooting for you all the way, Mallory. So great, congratulations, we're proud of you.

President Brown: That's great. You know people often don't think of 4-H being in our suburban communities and I know in Franklin County it is and has been for many years and that's just terrific.

Mr. Wiley: We've really tried to emphasize the relationship between Franklin County Fair Board, to remind people we still have 4-H in our communities.

Commissioner Brooks: Sure, urban communities as well. Yes, and Columbus, the Westside, the Northside. So 4-H is really relevant, a lot of good science learning.

Mr. Wiley: If you're a fan of horses, I think we have over one hundred (100) horse projects entered into the Franklin County Fair. So you will see all kinds of horses, if that's something that interests you.

President Brown: Very good. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Brooks: See you at the Fair. Thank you.

President Brown: Let's hope the weather cooperates with everybody for next Saturday through next Saturday, the week after.

Mr. Wiley: We look forward to seeing everyone out there. Thank you.

President Brown: Great. Thank you for being here. Thanks Mallory and good luck to you. We have some other guests here today and that would be the CEO and the Director of Community Relations and Philanthropy for the ever famous and local talents of Thirty-One Gifts. Cindy, I don't know if you want to come on up or both of you want to come on up. We really appreciate all that you've done in our community and grown the business at the same time. What a great feat in the economy in which you started Thirty-One Gifts. You've done such a phenomenal job of growing Thirty-One Gifts, and I know you want to talk about Thirty-One Gifts and the

philanthropy aspect of it, but you have done such a phenomenal job and we're so appreciative for you being here.

Ms. Monroe: Thank you. So we have over one hundred thousand (100,000) consultants across the nation. So we really appreciate the support to be able to empower these women to start their own businesses. This month we have our convention coming to Columbus. We will have over ten thousand (10,000) women downtown here.

Commissioner Brooks: Thank you for that.

Ms. Monroe: You're welcome. So we just really appreciate all the support on behalf of the support you'll give us through our convention and then even the support that we have for all of our employees in the locations that we have throughout central Ohio.

Commissioner Brooks: So you've really not only grown Thirty-One Gifts, but you've grown all those many women owned businesses as well and that's so phenomenal, and done great things along the way.

Ms. Monroe: Thank you. One of the things we are doing this month is a #31Chair, which is an opportunity to do a random act of kindness during the conference week. We will be buying extra StarBucks and ice cream and different things around the city, just to be able to do a random act of kindness for someone and then doing #31Chair. Proceeds will be given for each of the #s (hashtags) that are posted, back to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

President Brown: We thank you for that, because Mid-Ohio Foodbank does such important work in the community and in the whole region. We are big supporters of the Foodbank, so thank you for that. This is but one example of the many things Thirty-One Gifts does and these bags and so many other storage containers, storage bins and bags.

Commissioner Brooks: Books and purses.

President Brown: Purses and all kinds of things that Thirty-One Gifts does and does so well and then also embroiders with anything you want on it. So, if you don't know a consultant that's selling them, I can't imagine you don't, I would be shocked if you didn't know a consultant. We do have a resolution from the County Commissioners, we'll all come up and get a picture and give you our resolution. Wendy if you will come on up, we have a photographer, we can get a picture in the middle here with you, Wendy and all of us. We're just so thrilled to give you this resolution of our support for all that Thirty-One Gifts and you have brought to us.

Photograph taken.

Commissioner Brooks: Good luck with the convention.

Ms. Monroe: Thank you.

President Brown: Okay, we will now get back onto the regular agenda and start with the Engineer.

Resolution No. 521-15, authorizing a settlement for disputed property damage claims due to auto accidents involving Franklin County Engineers Office employees (Engineer)(\$181.59), presented by Cornell Robertson, Chief Deputy Engineer.

Mr. Robertson: Good Morning Commissioners. My name is Cornell Robertson representing County Engineer Dean Ringle. This resolution is for auto accident damage claims that involved our snow plows and two mailboxes during snow and ice event, this past winter. We worked with the Prosecutor's Office on these settlements and therefore recommend your approval.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 521-15, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 522-15, authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations for the Annie E. Casey Foundation Grant. (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director and Subha Lembach, JDAI Coordinator.

Ms. Reeves: Good Morning Commissioners, Barb Reeves. With me this morning is Subha Lembach, the JDAI Coordinator. This resolution is requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for a grant the court received from the Annie E. Casey Foundation for the expansion of the juvenile detention alternative initiative. I have Subha here to talk more about that initiative.

Ms. Lembach: Good Morning. So the deep end work is really about expanding our work further. We've done a lot of work around the detention decision making point as well as arrests and referrals into the juvenile justice system. Now we need to start looking at what happens when we commit kids to DYS, what does that process look like, what kids are we placing out of home, who are those kids, what target populations, how can we make sure that we're resourced adequately to serve the needs of those kids. So that's really what the deep end initiative is about. At this time I have more questions for you than I have answers, because a lot of it is us just beginning to look at this population and really better understanding it.

Commissioner Brooks: So Subha, these dollars will be spent directly by the court, is Annie E. Casey a match? We didn't have briefing last week.

President Brown: We did.

Commissioner O'Grady: Yes, we did.

Commissioner Brooks: Well only one Commissioner could attend. We were getting ready for NACo.

Ms. Lembach: So let me tell you a little bit about what we plan on doing with the funding. We are very excited and I guess I should start with this, because it is something to brag about. Franklin County was selected in a competitive process along with a couple of other jurisdictions, mostly in Minnesota, to engage in this deep end work as part of the Annie E. Casey Foundation Juvenile Detention work. As part of that, we were awarded this grant and the goal of this grant is to provide us with resources so that we can get our system leadership engaged in a conversation around data. Collecting that data will involve a deep system assessment. It will also involve travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota. We're going in August and that's really to look at and study together with our other cohort counties around the deep end work and what this looks like. It really is new to a lot of jurisdictions, it's new to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, so we're all exploring the population together.

Ms. Reeves: There's no match, Commissioner, for this. The Casey Foundation is giving us a lump sum fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000).

Commissioner Brooks: It's direct money. That's fantastic.

Ms. Reeves: Direct money.

Commissioner Brooks: So you're going to be visiting with Hennepin County?

Ms. Reeves: Yes, Hennepin County.

Commissioner Brooks: Great. Good people up there.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 522-15, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 523-15, authorizing a one year contract with Nationwide Childrens Hospital for mental health services (Domestic Relations) (\$22,500), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director.

Ms. Reeves: This Resolution is requesting another one year contract with Nationwide Childrens Hospital. We've been contracting with them for this service since 2011. Pending any questions, the Court requests the approval of this Resolution.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 523-15, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 524-15, authorizing a contract with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC., to provide, manage, and operate a food service program for the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Facility (Domestic Relations) (\$300,000), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director.

Ms. Reeves: Competitive bids were received by the Purchasing Department for food

service at the Juvenile Detention Center. Three companies bid on the service, Aramark Correctional Services was the lowest and best proposal. Pending any questions, the Court requests the approval of this Resolution.

Commissioner Brooks: Were they the lowest bid?

Ms. Reeves: Yes, they were the lowest and best. I would like to thank Brad in the Purchasing Department for his assistance with this bid.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 524-15, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 525-15, review of Petition to Annex 3.354 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-EXP1-18-15 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Matt Brown, Planning Administrator.

Mr. Brown: Good Morning Commissioners, Matt Brown, Planning Administrator for the Economic Development and Planning Department. This Resolution is to consider an expedited type one (1) annexation petition of 3.354 acres more or less from Plain Township to the City of Columbus. The properties are located at 5122 and 5144 Morse Road, having parcels numbers 220-000149 and 220-000153. The petition was filed by Jackson B. Reynolds, III on behalf of the property owners. One hundred percent (100%) of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus and there is an annexation agreement in place between the township and Columbus. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.22 of The Ohio Revised Code and pending any questions, I request your approval of this annexation.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 525-15, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 526-15, approving a subaward agreement with the Columbus Health Department for the implementation of a marketing and promotion strategy to combat infant mortality (Job and Family Services) (\$710,500), presented by Lance Porter, Deputy Director.

Mr. Porter: Good Morning Commissioners, Lance Porter, representing Job and Family Services. On behalf of the agency I want to request that we table this Resolution until next week's General Session. This will give the agency time to satisfy our recent request for additional information about the contract we are asking for today. We have spoken with the vendors that are involved with this and they have assured us that this delay would not negatively impact the delivery of services. So again, I request a delay until next General Session.

Commissioner Brooks moved to table Resolution 526-15 for one week.

Commissioner O'Grady: The work of the Infant Mortality Task Force was fantastic. Director Trotman's involvement in that was amazing. Council President Ginther put

together a great team. We had leaders from across the community, that were actively involved in this and it's been a fantastic effort, great group, great results, we just need to get this thing moving now. I'll second the motion.

Seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. Resolution 526-15 was unanimously tabled for one week by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 527-15, approving a subaward agreement with The Ohio State University for prenatal education and supportive services for pregnant and parenting women (Job and Family Services) (\$58,124.23), presented by Lance Porter, Deputy Director.

Mr. Porter: Commissioners, this funding will be for the "Moms To Be" Program. Once again, as she said they will provide parental education and supportive services for pregnant and parenting women that reside in the identified target high risk communities throughout Franklin County. Primary service will include weekly information sessions, that provide at least one hundred (100) to one hundred twenty-five (125) individuals. The topics will range from nutrition, safe housing, importance of medical insurance, benefits of breast feeding and safe sleep techniques. Pending any questions, we ask for your approval of this Resolution.

Commissioner Brooks: I am thrilled to move for this. These are very direct services, directly to the moms to be as the name implies and this will save lives. It will help so many children, so many young women.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 527-15, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 528-15, approving a subaward amendment with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks for the management of the Work Experience Program for the Food Assistance Employment and Training Program, an increase of \$38,000.00 (Job and Family Services) (\$488,000), presented by Lance Porter, Deputy Director.

Mr. Porter: Commissioners, this allows the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to hire additional staff to work with the increasing number of able-bodied adults without dependent children. These are customers that have been sanctioned for non-compliance in work participation which is part of our program and they need to have their food stamp benefits reinstated by completing a minimum number of work experience hours. Pending any questions, I ask for approval of this Resolution.

Commissioner Brooks: So essentially the staff will work very directly with these individuals to make sure they're in compliance and they will get their food stamps.

Mr. Porter: Absolutely, as long as they meet compliance.

Commissioner Brooks: Following the law, that's great.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 528-15, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 529-15, authorizing a contract with Republic Services of Ohio Hauling, LLC., for the collection, transportation and delivery for disposal/processing of Refuse and Recyclable Materials generated at and collected from Franklin County facilities. (Public Facilities Management) (\$439,050.60), presented by Jim Goodenow, Director.

Mr. Goodenow: Good Morning Commissioners, Jim Goodenow with Public Facilities Management. We competitively advertised for bids for our refuse disposal and our recyclable materials. Republic Services of Ohio was the low bidder. We have worked with them in the past, they've done a good job for us. We'd recommend approval of this contract.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 529-15, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 530-15, approving Personnel Actions, presented by Rob Young, Director.

Mr. Young reviewed the list of personnel actions in this Resolution and requested the Commissioners' approval.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 530-15, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 531-15, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$730,619.54), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director.

Mr. Kuespert: Good Morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert, representing the Purchasing Department. The Resolution before you requests your approval of Fifty-two (52) purchase orders. These purchase orders have been pre-certified As to availability of funds by the County Auditor. Pending any questions, we recommend their approval.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 531-15, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Debra Smith read two (2) Journalizations into the record:

Case #ANX-EXP2-20-15 - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-EXP2-20-15 was filed in our office on July 6, 2015. The petition is requesting to annex 111.3 +/- acres from Brown Township to the City of Hilliard. Site: 4608 Elliott Road (120-000183 and 120-000185);

Case #ANX-EXP2-21-15 - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-EXP2-21-15 was filed in our office on July 8, 2015. The petition is requesting to annex 1.5 +/- acres from Jackson

Township to the City of Grove City. Site: Hoover Road right of way (160-001395, 160-000824, 160-001626 and 160-001058.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 A.M.

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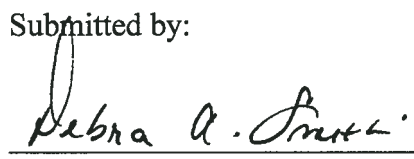
These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of July 14, 2015.


MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT


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Submitted by:


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